



Department of Corrections
ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

Subject: OLEORESIN CAPSICUM
USAGE BY MEDICAL TECHNICAL
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS ASSIGNED
TO PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin (AB) is to announce procedures regarding the issuance of approved Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) products for Medical Technical Assistants (MTA) and Senior MTAs assigned to Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP).

BACKGROUND:

The AB 99/03 was published in April 1999 to, among other things, expand the authorization to carry and use OC products by other departmentally certified personnel within the institutions. This AB was implemented prior to completing the review process as established in the Madrid v. Terhune Remedial Order dated March 10, 1999 of the United States District Court. This review is now complete and has resulted in an exception for Pelican Bay State Prison from the requirements of the originally published AB 99/03.

EXCEPTION:

The following exceptions to AB 99/03 are hereby in effect at PBSP:

- A. The MK-3 projector shall be provided to PBSP MTAs, as an optional tool to be utilized for self-defense and the defense of others, only at those MTA duty posts where the Warden, the Health Care Manager, and the Deputy Director of Health Care Services determine that correctional officer support is not always available in a rapid manner and the carrying of OC products does not interfere with the primary nursing responsibilities of the MTA working that post.
- B. At this time, MTAs assigned to third watch General Population Clinics and all MTAs assigned to Rover positions are authorized to carry OC as outlined in A above.
- C. The OC training program at PBSP shall be amended and training provided to PBSP MTAs to describe the specific circumstances when the deployment of OC by an MTA is appropriate. The training is to reinforce the fact that MTAs, as individuals, have a choice concerning whether they carry OC products and reminds MTAs that their role during emergencies remains that of a provider of health services.



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- D. A formal program for tracking and monitoring the impact, if any, of having MTAs carrying OC products shall be established and maintained by the Madrid Unit at PBSP.
- E. The modification of post or OC dispenser(s) authorized at PBSP shall be done only upon approval by the Warden, the Health Care Manager, and the Deputy Director of Health Care Services prior to the submission to the Special Master under the provisions of the Remedial Order of March 10, 1999.

Please inform all authorized persons of the content of this AB, which shall remain in effect until incorporated into the appropriate section of Departmental Operations Manual. If you have any questions or comments regarding this AB, contact Tom Voss, Regional Administrator, Region III, Health Care Field Operations, Health Care Services Division, at (916) 327-9767 or CALNET 467-9767.

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